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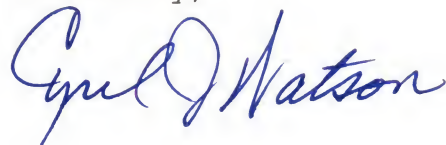
Mr. Ellsberg:

I just finished reading your book "Secrets: A memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers." I was stationed at Quang Tri with the 1st Bde, 5th Div. from November, 1968, to November 1969. Little did I (or for that matter any one else) know what was really going on until I read Stanley Karnow, Neil Sheehan, and now you.

It is very sad and frustrating to see the president following the very same pattern today in Iraq. I really would enjoy seeing you, Karnow, Sheehan, David Halberstam, and maybe H.R. McMaster on some sort of panel discussing the current administration's actions in Iraq. But I'm sure that is too much to hope for.

Thanks for a very engrossing and informative book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cyril J. Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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